



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

January 10, 2021

Devotional:----- Steve Nissley
Message:----- Michael Yoder
Offering:----- General

Adult and Youth Verse: What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your Spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Intermediate Verse: And he said, who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord

said unto him, arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. Acts 9:5-6

Junior Verse: Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

Primary Verse: Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee. Luke 15:18

Preschool Verse: I will arise and go to my Father. Luke 15:18

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Lazy Soldier

Once upon a time in a land fairly close by, lived a soldier named Benny. Benny held the rank of sergeant in the country of Zeal's army. Sergeant Benny was a very hard worker and took care to ensure that everything was in its place. He saw that his rifle was properly taken care of, his uniform spiffy clean, and that all orders were followed to the letter. Sergeant Benny would work long hard hours to ensure that everything got done and that everything was secure. The people of Zeal slept easier knowing that Sergeant Benny was on the job.

One day, the top official of the country of Zeal's army noticed what an outstanding job Sergeant Benny was doing. He spoke with some of the other officials and they decided to send Sergeant Benny to the island of Lackadaisical.

You see the soldiers on the island of Lackadaisical were not very hard workers and they hardly ever finished all their work. The island wasn't very secure. Rumor had it that this island would be the first place attacked, if and when a war broke out. Sergeant Benny would be a big help to make the island secure.

Sergeant Benny gladly accepted his new orders, just as he always did. When he arrived on the island of Lackadaisical he couldn't believe his eyes. The other soldiers' uniforms were very sloppy, their rifles were covered with dirt and grim, their shoes needed to be shined, and most of them were lying in the shade drinking lemonade. Sergeant

Benny shouted, "What kind of soldiers are you?"

The other soldiers laughed and said to Benny, "Lighten up, who do you think you are anyway? If you got a problem you should go see the top official of the island."

Sergeant Benny marched right over to the official's house and asked to speak with him. The top official's name was Mr. Apathetic. Sergeant Benny noticed that Mr. Apathetic was in worse shape than the soldiers of Lackadaisical.

"Yes, how may I help you?" Mr. Apathetic yawned. Sergeant Benny began to explain how sloppy the soldiers were and how unsecured the island was, when Mr. Apathetic interrupted him, "Yes, yes, whatever. Please come back and talk to me after lunch. I need to take a nap right now."

Sergeant Benny returned after lunch and was told to come back after dinner. When he returned after dinner he was told to come back after breakfast. Mr. Apathetic was always playing and didn't have time to talk.

This went on for days. The days stretched into weeks. Sergeant Benny tried to talk to the other soldiers, but they would just laugh and ask who had made him the boss. After a month of this, Sergeant Benny began to think that maybe he had also been working just a little bit too hard. The island was beautiful and had many nice places to swim. He decided to take the afternoon off and go swimming.

After swimming, he was very hungry and ate a big lunch. After eating, he took a long nap. At first Sergeant Benny felt bad about goofing off and not doing his work, but the more he goofed off, the easier it became. Soon Benny was goofing off everyday. His rifle was caked with mud, he couldn't find his boots, his shirt was torn, and he needed to comb his hair.

Benny was just getting ready to take a nap when the alarm sounded. The island of Lackadaisical was under attack. Benny jumped to his feet and began to run to the army base where he thought he left his rifle. However, he couldn't run very fast because he was so out of shape. The enemy quickly defeated the soldiers of Lackadaisical. Not one of the people of Lackadaisical survived the sudden attack.

We are also in an army—God's army. As soldiers in God's army, we need to make sure that we stay in shape, by reading our Bibles, praying, worshiping our Lord, and helping others.

Many things can try to distract us from staying in shape. We may think it's more fun to ride our bikes or play video games, and it is not wrong to do those things, but we need to make sure we put God first. Some people may not understand the importance of prayer, reading the Bible, or spending time serving the Lord. Don't follow their bad examples. God wants the best for us and He wants us to stay in shape. That's an order, soldier!

<https://www.kidssundayschool.com/gradeschool/stories/the-lazy-soldier>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Wed. Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Kevin Wagler

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday!(Today!) Jan. 10, Rhoda Grace Kauffman 1999

Happy Birthday! Jan. 13, Lois Wagler 1992

Devotional #24 of the Father's Love Letter

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them, Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I am awake, I am still with you. Psalm 139:17-18 (NIV Bible)

Have you ever tried to count the grains of sand on the seashore? For those of us who have tried it is absolutely impossible! There are so many in just a scoop of your hand that it becomes incomprehensible to think that we could even begin to count them.

In this scripture verse, the psalmist tells us that God's thoughts toward us even outnumber the grains of sand on the seashore! What imagery. The Father, who created you and who numbered all your days, is thinking about you all the time.

He never stops thinking about you...And they are not thoughts of condemnation and judgment, but thoughts of absolute love and adoration. How precious are His thoughts toward us. In our limited understanding, this is just too good to be true...but it is true. God is thinking about you right now!

PRAYER

Father, it amazes me that your thoughts toward me outnumber the grains of sand on the seashore. And your thoughts towards me are loving thoughts! I pray that I might be able to receive this truth into my heart, so that I might be able to simply respond with loving thoughts back to you. In the name of Your beloved Son Jesus I pray, AMEN.

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotional-24.html>

Mission & Vision Statement Of: Calvary Christian Fellowship

Mission: To realize our need of Christ.

To help one another on life's journey.

Vision: To surrender to Christ our Head, to walk in the Spirit, to love as Jesus loves.

To be a place where it's safe to share failures, struggles, hopes, and dreams.

To encourage, and empower one another to find God's purpose as we walk with Christ on our journey to Heaven.

To help the hurting find healing, and the lost experience salvation, in Christ.

To assist in physical needs among, and around us.